

# PLATFORM ADOPTED BY DEMOCRATS

**PLANKS ON PREPAREDNESS AND AMERICANISM ARE PRINCIPAL FEATURES.**

## CONSERVATION AND LABOR LEGISLATION PROMISED

**Philippine Independence Forecast and Suffrage Question Is Left to States**  
—**Prison Reform Demanded**—**Pensions for Families of Disabled Soldiers**—**Flood Control Also on the Program**—**Speedy Development of Alaska in Prospect.**

**Following is the text of the Democratic platform as reported from committee and adopted by the convention:**

The Democratic party in national convention assembled adopts the following declaration, to the end that the people of the United States may both realize the achievements wrought by four years of Democratic administration and be assured of the policies to which the party committed for the further conduct of national affairs.

### Record of Achievement.

We endorse the administration of Woodrow Wilson. It seeks for itself. It is the best expression of sound Democratic policy at home and abroad.

We challenge comparison on our record, our keeping of pledges and our constructive legislation, with those of any party of any time.

We found our country hampered by special privileges, a vicious tariff, obsolete banking laws and an insatiable currency. Our foreign affairs were dominated by commercial interests for their selfish ends. The Republican party, despite past pledges, was intent to correct abuses which it had fostered. Under our administration, under a leadership which has never faltered, these abuses have been corrected and our people have been freed therefrom.

### Federal Reserve Act.

Our sound banking and currency system, prolific of panic and disaster under Republican administrations, long the refuge of the Money Trust, has been exemplified by the Federal Reserve Act, a true democracy of credit under government control, already proved a financial bulwark in a world crisis, maintaining our resources, placing abundant credit at the disposal of legitimate industry and making a contrary panic impossible.

We have created a federal trade commission to accommodate the perplexing questions arising under the antitrust laws.

We have effected an adjustment of the tariff adequate for revenue under peace conditions, and fair to the consumer and to producers.

We have abated the burdens of taxation so that revenue income bear their equitable share; our revenues have been increased in view of world crises and will largely exceed the expenditures for the coming year.

We have vital human debt from the extension of our protection and have secured to the workman the right of voluntary association for his protection and welfare.

### Parcel Post System.

We have advanced the moral post to the highest standard among the postal agencies throughout the world, doing away with red tape and expediting the sending and receiving of mail and news-letter millions additional people.

### Economic Freedom.

The policies which were most obviously needed to clear away privilege, prevent unfair discrimination and release the energies of men of all ranks and abilities, have been effected by recent legislation. We must now remove, so far as possible, every remaining element of unrest and uncertainty in the path of the business men of America, and secure for them a continued period of quiet, assured and confident prosperity.

### Tariff.

We reaffirm our belief in the doctrine of a tariff for the purpose of providing sufficient revenue for the operation of the government, economically administered, and conservatively imposed. The downward tariff is as truly exemplifying that doctrine.

We recognize that tariff rates are necessarily subject to change to meet certain changing conditions in the world's production and trade. The events of the past few years have brought about many important changes. In some respects, their effects are yet uncertain and will be disclosed, particularly in reference to our foreign trade. Two years of war, which has directly affected most of the chief industrial nations of the world, and which has indirectly affected the life and industry of all nations, is bringing about economic changes more varied and far-reaching than the world has ever before experienced.

In order to ascertain just what these changes may be, the Democratic congress is providing for a comprehensive tariff commission to make impartial and thorough study of every economic fact that meets them. Right after our peace, upon our future fiscal policy, with regard to the imposition of taxes on imports, or with regard to the changed and changing conditions under which our trade is carried on. We cordially endorse this timely proposal, and declare ourselves in sympathy with the principle and purpose of shaping legislation within that field in accordance with clearly established facts, rather than in accordance with the demands of selfish interests, or upon information provided largely, if not exclusively, by them.

### Americanism.

That part that the United States will play in the new day of international relationships which is now upon us will depend upon our preparation and our character. The Democratic party, therefore, recognises the asserted and triumphant demonstration of the individuality and concrete strength of the nation, as the supreme issue of this day in which the whole world faces the crisis of mortal change. It commends all men of whatever origin or race, who would count themselves Americans, to join in making clear to the world the unity and consequent power of America.

This is an issue of patriotism. To meet it with partnership would be to do it. In this day of test, America must

show itself not a nation of partisans, but a nation of patriots. There is gathered here in America the best of the blood, the industry and the genius of the whole world, the elements of a great race and a magnificent society to be molded into a mighty and splendid nation.

Whoever, actuated by the purpose to promote the interest of a foreign power in disregard of our own country's welfare, or to injure this government in its foreign relations or cripple or destroy its industries at home and wherever by arousing prejudices of a racial, religious or other nature, creates discord and strife among our people so as to obstruct the wholesome process of unification, is faithless to the trust which the privilege of citizenship reposes in him and disloyal to his country.

We therefore condemn as subversive of this nation's unity and integrity, and as destructive of its welfare, the activities and designs of every group or organization, political or otherwise, that has for its object the advancement of the interest of a foreign power, whether such object is promoted by intimidating the government, a political party or representatives of the people, or which is calculated and tends to divide our people into antagonistic groups, and thus to destroy that complete agreement and solidarity of the people and that unity of sentiment and national purpose so essential to the perpetuity of the nation and its free institutions.

### Conspirators Condemned.

We condemn all alliances and combinations of individuals in this country, of whatever nationality or descent, who agree and conspire together for the purpose of embarrassing or weakening our government, or of improperly influencing or coercing our public representatives in dealing or negotiating with any foreign power. We charge that such conspiracies among a limited number exist, and have been instigated for the purpose of advancing the interests of foreign countries to the prejudice and detriment of our country. We condemn any political party which, in view of the activity of such conspirators, surrenders its integrity or modifies its policy.

### Preparedness.

Along with the proof of our character as a nation must go the proof of our power to play the part that legitimately belongs to us. The people of the United States love peace. They respect the rights and covet the friendship of all other nations. They desire neither any additional territory nor any advantage which will not be peacefully gained by their skill, their industry or their enterprise, but they stand upon having absolute freedom of national life and policy, and feel that they owe it to themselves and to the rest of the world that they should be allowed to follow their own course of action.

We favor granting to the people of Alaska, Hawaii and Porto Rico the traditional territorial government accorded to all territories of the United States since the beginning of our government. Philippines Islands.

We heartily endorse the provisions of the bill recently passed by the house of representatives, further prohibiting self-government for the Philippines Islands as being in fulfillment of the policy declared by the Democratic party in its last national platform, and we reiterate our endorsement of the purpose of ultimate independence for the Philippines Islands expressed in the preamble of that measure.

### Concerning Labor.

We declare our faith in the amendment, passed by the Democratic congress, and we promise our earnest continuance of its enforcement.

We favor the speedy enactment of an effective federal child labor law, and the regulation of the shipment of prison-made goods in interstate commerce.

We favor the creation of a federal bureau of safety in the department of labor, to gather facts concerning industrial hazards and to recommend legislation to prevent the maiming and killing of human beings.

We favor the extension of the powers and functions of the federal bureau of mines.

We favor the development upon a systematic scale the means already begun under the present administration to assist laborers throughout the nation to seek and obtain employment, and the extension by the federal government of the same assistance and encouragement as is given to agricultural training.

We demand that the modern principles of prison reform be applied in our federal system.

We favor such work for prisoners as shall give them training in remunerative occupations, so that they may make an honest living when released from prison; the setting apart of the net wages of the prisoner to be paid to his dependent family or to be reserved for his own use upon his release; the liberal extension of the principles of the federal parole law, with due regard both to the welfare of the prisoners and the interests of society; the adoption of the probation system, especially in the case of first offenders not convicted of serious crimes.

We renew the declarations of the recent Democratic platforms relating to general pensions for soldiers and their widows, and call attention to our record of performance in this particular.

### Waterways and Flood Control.

We renew the declaration in our last two platforms relating to the development of our waterways. We hold that the control of the Mississippi River is a national problem. We favor the adoption of a liberal and comprehensive plan for the development and improvement of our harbors and inland waterways with economy and efficiency so as to permit their navigation by vessels of standard draft.

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### Woman Suffrage.

We recommend the extension of franchises to the women of the country by the states upon the same terms as men.

### Conclusion.

This is a critical hour in the history of America, a critical hour in the history of the world. Upon the recent speech of our president, which shows great constructive achievement in foreign and internal development, upon the record of the Democratic administration which has maintained the honor, the dignity and the interests of the United States, and at the same time retained the record of friendliness of all the nations of the world, and upon the great progress of the future strengthenings of the life of our country, and upon the restoration of the great naval tradition of the United States.

Wives Who Are to Be Pitied.

In the Woman's Home Companion a writer says: "I know plenty of women in town who pad their bills and connive with their dressmakers so as to cheat their husbands and get spending money. I also know some country women who can't get their husbands to put running water in the house, who cook on old-fashioned and unbroken stoves, in inconvenient, ledged-in kitchens, who have neither vacuum cleaner, fireless cooker, dish washer, clothes wash or anything else to make work easy. They don't even get the egg and butter money, or they might buy these things themselves."

**Wyoming's Mineral Wealth.**

Among the undeveloped resources of Wyoming are bituminous shale, volcanic ash, graphite, asphaltum, manganese ores, bentonite, tin, salt, bismuth and, perhaps, most important, phosphate rock, on which the future of American agriculture may largely depend. It is estimated that more than 125,000,000 acres in Wyoming are underlain by workable phosphate deposits, a phosphate area greater than that of any other state.

**OFFICE FILLERS**

Fighting the Chestnut Blight.

The chestnut blight has already done damage estimated as close as \$50,000,000. The disease attacks both American and European species, but does little damage in those from Japan and China. Plant breeders by crossing Japanese chestnut and native chinquapin have produced resistant trees. Some of the Chinese chestnuts are said to grow 100 feet high in their home forests.

**Making Falling Pleasant.**

An American inventor has patented a life-saving suit for aeronauts involving a cushioned cap and back and front pads for the body, communicating so that they can be blown up by a tube extending to the mouth of the aviator, communicating pads being provided on opposite sides of the legs and yielding, spring-supported shoes being carried on the feet below the waist, so that in falling the person will fall feet foremost.

**St. Louis**

is said to receive more furs direct from trappers and traders than does any other fur market in the world.

**Our measure of getting old inside is the inclination we have to go to the window when a band goes by.—Milwaukee Journal.**

# Temperance Notes

(Continued from the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union)

### PROHIBITION FOR KEEPS.

Below are given some of the reasons why Russia will never repeal its prohibitory laws, based on statements made by Ernest Gordon, who has recently visited the country:

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